

# neighborhood news



July 2014

news for and about  
Bellevue neighborhoods

## Bellevue Family 4th

*Friday, July 4, 2-10:30pm*

*Bellevue Downtown Park*



Bring your family and celebrate the 4th of July at the Bellevue Downtown Park this month! The annual event provides a full day of fun for all ages:

- Bellevue Parks & Community Services Fun Zone will feature live music presented by Longstride (reggae, rock and groove), Sammy Steele Band (country) and Emerald City Throwdown (dance hits from the '60s to today).
- A variety of inflatable bounces and free entertainment including Entertain Men Jugglers, Ronald McDonald, Spiderman, Captain America, Mr. and Mrs. Mouse, Carbon Yeti, and more!
- 22 vendors will fill the food court with a variety of international foods.
- The Bellevue Fire Department Honor Guard will present the colors prior to the fireworks display.
- The event will culminate with a spectacular fireworks show synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Visitors should anticipate several street closures to help attendees get home safely and minimize

delays. Detour signs will guide drivers around these closures. Drivers are advised to please be patient and polite to help ensure that everyone gets home as quickly and safely as possible. Complimentary event parking is offered after 6 p.m. at The Bellevue Collection (Bellevue Square, Lincoln Square and Bellevue Place). Limited parking is also available at the visitor's lot at City Hall (450 110th Ave. NE). Visitors are also encouraged to come early and walk, bike, carpool or take a bus to the event.

Safety is important. The Bellevue Fire Department reminds Bellevue residents that the sale, use and possession of fireworks are prohibited. When you visit the event, be aware that dogs and other pets are not allowed in the park after 2 p.m. In addition, grills, barbecues, camp stoves and other cooking devices are prohibited—and tents, shelters, canopies or other types of shelters are prohibited after 8 p.m. Finally, the Bellevue Police asks that if you, "See Something. Say Something." Be aware of your surroundings and immediately report anything suspicious to a police officer or event staff and always call 911 in case of emergency. For more event information, visit the website <http://www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/family-4th/overview>.

## Acura of Bellevue Four Dog Jog & Walk

*Friday, July 4, 9-10:30am*

*Bellevue Downtown Park*

In addition to the Family 4th event, the Bellevue Downtown Association is producing





its Acura of Bellevue Four on the 4th Dog Jog & Walk the morning of July 4 to benefit the Seattle Humane Society.

Dogs and their humans will be taking a 4k (~2.5 mile) stroll from Ashwood Park through the streets of north downtown and beyond beginning at 9 a.m. Friendly, leashed dogs are welcome! Hundreds of dogs will be in attendance, so we do not recommend bringing other types of pets.

The route will take participants north along 108th Ave NE from about 9am to 10am – only southbound vehicular traffic on 108th Ave NE between NE 10th & NE 24th will be allowed during that time. Only northbound traffic will be allowed on 112th Ave NE between NE 12th & NE 24th from 9am – 10:30am. Only westbound traffic will be allowed on NE 24th between 108th Ave NE & 112th Ave NE from 9am – 10:15am. For additional registration and fun event information, visit the event website at <http://www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/4-on-the-4th/overview>

## Help Choose Bellevue's Next Police Chief

***Tuesday, July 22, 6-7:30pm***

***Bellevue City Hall Room 1E-108***

The City of Bellevue will soon begin a national search for a new police chief to lead a force that has consistently helped make Bellevue one of the safest cities in the nation. City officials want your input to help attract and select the best candidates for the police chief position. A public meeting will be held on July 22 to discuss what matters most to you in recruiting our next police chief.

- What are the most important issues/priorities that you would like the new police chief to address?
- What experience should the new police chief have?
- What skills and characteristics are the most critical for a new police chief to succeed?
- What are some of the characteristics about Bellevue that will help attract the best candidates?

This event will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone needing special assistance may contact City Hall during business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 425-452-6800, or by email at [ServiceFirst@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ServiceFirst@bellevuewa.gov). Food and drinks will be provided.

Other Ways to Comment:

Additional information about the Police Chief Recruitment is available on the City's website <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/policechief-recruitment.htm>. You may also provide input via survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TMGPHGB>, or email [COBPoliceChiefRecruitment@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:COBPoliceChiefRecruitment@bellevuewa.gov).



## Office of Emergency Management

### Preparing Your Neighborhood for a Disaster

***Monday, July 14th, 7pm at***

***Newport Way Library***

***Wednesday, July 16, 7pm at***

***Lake Hills Library***

***Monday, July 21, 7pm at***

***Bellevue Library***

***Wednesday, July 23, 7pm at***

***Crossroads Mall Community Room***



Emergency supplies? Check.

Out of area contact? Check.

Plan with your family? Check.

But what if you wanted to do more to increase the safety of your family by reaching out to the people that live closest to you?

Join the Bellevue Office of Emergency Management for a class on how to engage with your neighbors and prepare for a disaster. Classes are offered on four dates and locations. You can choose one that is most convenient to your schedule.

Admission for these classes is free. If you come, you will:

- Learn strategies associated with organizing and canvassing the houses or units immediately around you.
- Meet and socialize with your neighbors around the topic of preparedness.
- Become a trusted partner with the City of Bellevue as a block captain, ready to report information to us during a catastrophic event.

Reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities is available; please contact the library location prior to the event if you require accommodation. For more information on this program, please contact Sophia Le at 425-452-6935 or [oempublished@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:oempublished@bellevuewa.gov)

### **July 15 deadline for Bellevue Essentials leadership class**

Residents interested in learning more about their city are invited to join the second annual Bellevue Essentials class. Bellevue Essentials immerses participants in the structure and operations of city government. Participants will learn from key city staff, neighborhood leaders, decision makers, elected officials and community leaders.

Neighborhoods are encouraged to send representatives to the class where they will

garner knowledge and skills to be more effective leaders in their community. Judy

Faast, a graduate of the inaugural class says, "This experience transformed me from being an observer to being a participant."

The eight-week introduction to civic engagement in Bellevue begins on September 18, with eight weekly Thursday evening sessions and a Saturday tour day, scheduled for September 27.

Session topics will include history and demographics, neighborhoods, parks and community services, planning, budget, transportation, arts, environmental stewardship, utilities and economic development.

Bellevue Essentials seeks participants from each of the 16 neighborhood areas in Bellevue. Tuition is \$95 per participant, with financial assistance available. For more information or to request a brochure and a simple one-page application, <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-events.htm> or [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov).

### **Guided Tours of Bellwether Connect Bellevue 2014 Community Connection through Art & Conversation**

***July 14 – October 12***

There's something really special happening this summer at City Hall and around Downtown Bellevue. As you approach the main concourse and wind your way along the corridors of City Hall, your eye is drawn to the many works of art, composed of different textures, shapes, and materials. What you are experiencing is the 12th edition of Bellevue's sculpture exhibit, Bellwether Connect Bellevue 2014 with the theme of connection to community, nature and each other. There are over 20 sculptures and

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installations at City Hall, but there's much more to be seen. The art continues outside to the plaza and the pavilion, along NE 6th to Bellevue Way and Downtown Park.

The Bellwether exhibition will run from June 27-October 12 where those who live, work and shop in Bellevue will experience the art daily. If you'd like to better understand the artist's creative process, why not gather a few friends, co-workers, or new neighbors and create community connection through art and conversation? Neighborhood Outreach is now taking reservations for guided art walks for group sizes of 8-15, ages 10+. The tours will be led Monday-Friday between 9 am – 3pm. Tours will begin at City Hall Service First Desk and continue to Downtown Park, which is approximately ¾ mile. Tours can also be tailored for less walking. Two weeks advanced notice is appreciated. For more information, please visit [www.bellevuewa.gov/bellwether2014.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bellwether2014.htm). For tour reservations, please contact Carol Ross, Neighborhood Outreach at [NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-6836.



## Collecting Toys and Food for Joy in July

The Bellevue Firefighters Community Support Foundation and the Parks & Community Services Department are hosting "Joy in July," a toy and food drive throughout the month. Though the holidays are half a year away, the drive aims to gather toys to distribute to children in need this December. With more than 6,000 toys distributed so far in 2014, the shelves need restocking in order

to provide toys for children later this year. Food donations are also being collected to help feed children and families this summer. One in five students qualifies for free or reduced meals in the Bellevue School District. With schools out for the summer, it can be difficult for many families to provide food for the family.

Donations will be collected at all Bellevue fire station locations and City Hall. Requested donations include new, unwrapped toys for infants, youth and teens, including books, games, sports equipment, arts and crafts kits, cars/trucks, dolls and plush animals. Ideas for infants include age appropriate plush animals, toys and gift cards for parents to purchase needed items. Ideas for teens include gift certificates to clothing, restaurants, malls and music stores.

The greatest needs for nonperishable food include: canned meals, canned meat, cereal, dry beans, fruit (canned or fresh), pasta, peanut butter, rice, soup, tomato products and vegetables (canned or fresh). Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted to help purchase toys or food items.



### Donations sites include:

**City Hall** – 450 110th Ave. NE (Downtown)

**Fire Station One** – 766 Bellevue Way SE  
(Downtown/West Bellevue)

**Fire Station Two** – 2802 148th Ave. SE  
(Eastgate/Lake Hills/W. Lake Sammamish)

**Fire Station Three** – 16100 NE Eighth St.  
(Crossroads/Northeast Bellevue)

**Fire Station Four** – 4216 Factoria Blvd. SE  
(Factoria/Somerset)

**Fire Station Five** – 9621 NE 24th St. (Northwest Bellevue)

**Fire Station Six** – 1850 132nd Ave. NE  
(Bridle Trails/Wilburton)

**Fire Station Seven** – 11900 SE Eight St.  
(Wilburton/Woodridge)

**Fire Station Eight** – 5701 Lakemont Blvd. SE  
(Eastgate/Cougar Mountain)

**Fire Station Nine** – 12412 SE 69th Way (Newport)



# TRAFFIC CORNER

## NE 4th St & 116th Ave NE Intersection Closure

*July 11 – 14*

Beginning 10 p.m. on Friday, July 11, the intersection of NE 4th Street and 116th Avenue NE will be closed to remove old pavement and install new cement concrete pavement as part of the NE 4th Street Extension project. The intersection will reopen at 5 a.m. on Monday, July 14. Please note: Rainy conditions could delay the project to the next weekend: July 18-21.

In advance of the closure, please watch for electronic message boards on 116th Avenue NE and on NE 4th Street. Detours will be marked.

- Friday, July 11, 10am to 10pm – Limited Access Only: Drivers coming from NE 4th St will be able to use 116th Ave NE, to prevent backups from I-405 off-ramps. Businesses within the closure area will be open and accessible.
- Friday, July 11, at 10pm to Monday, July 14, 5am – FULL CLOSURE: NE 4th St and 116th Ave NE will be closed. Drivers exiting from northbound I-405 will be able to access NE 4th St & 112th Ave NE via westbound NE 4th St. Barricades will be set up at NE 8th Street and Main Street. Businesses between Main St and NE 8th St will have access and will be open to the public.

For questions or comments please contact construction inspector Kyle Thieme at 425-452-2870 or [kthieme@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kthieme@bellevuewa.gov).

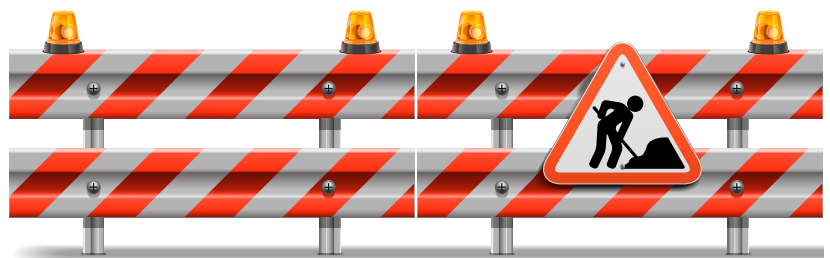
## Paving Work Moving to Central and South Bellevue Areas

*July – September*

Starting this month and continuing through September, the Pavement Overlay Program will start repairing and resurfacing 19 ½ miles of roadway, repair adjacent curb, gutter and sidewalks and install and upgrade of 210 American with Disabilities Act curb ramps. The following roadway locations/neighborhoods are part of this round of paving work:

- Coal Creek Parkway
- Lake Hills Connector
- Lake Hills Boulevard

For questions or comments please contact senior construction inspector Todd Hopkins at 425-452-4251 or [Thopkins@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Thopkins@bellevuewa.gov).



## July Meetings

*(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the City web pages listed below to download agendas.)*

**7/1 East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Traffic in East Bellevue  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm)

**7/1 Human Services Commission** (6:15, 1E-113)  
Review of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding applications and Preliminary 2015-16 Human Services Funding Recommendations  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**7/2 East Link Permitting CAC** (3:00-5:00, 1E-113) City of Bellevue Noise Code, Review and Discussion of Bel-Red Tree Mitigation, Review and Discussion of Bel Red Ancillary Structures  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

**7/3 Bellevue Network on Aging** (8:30-10:30a.m., 1E-120) Neighborhood Outreach, Committee Reports  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm)

**7/4 Independence Day** – All City offices closed

**7/7 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Energize Eastside, King County Cities Climate Collaboration (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation, Consent Calendar, Second Public Hearing on Operation and Capital Budgets, Target Rezone, Bellevue Apartments Rezone, Economic Development Plan Adoption, Transit Master Plan Adoption, Wilburton Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA)  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**7/8 Parks & Community Services Board** (6:00, 1E-113)  
Agenda to be determined  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm)

**7/8 Human Services Commission** (6:15, 1E-120)  
Complete Preliminary 2015-16 Human Services Funding Recommendations  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**7/9 Planning Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Single Family Rental Housing code amendments; Comprehensive Plan Update – continue review of draft sections – Urban Design  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**7/10 Transportation Commission** (6:30, 1E-113)  
Comprehensive Plan Update: Transportation Element

Maps and Figures, Comprehensive Plan Update: Transportation Facility Plans, Transportation Master Project List; Downtown Transportation plan Update – Integration with the Downtown Livability Initiative  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm)

**7/14 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Eighth in a series of Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Discussions, 2-hour Budget Discussion (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers)  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**7/15 Library Commission** (5:00 p.m. Newport Way Library 14250 S.E. Newport Way) Tour & Orientation to King County Library System's Mobile Learning Lab/ Outreach vehicle  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm)

**7/17 Environmental Services Commission** (4:30 pm) Capital Investment Program (CIP) tour focused on proposed investments (7:00 pm, 1E-113) Preliminary Financial Forecast, Wholesale Policy Review  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm)

**7/21 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Ninth in a series of SMP Discussions, Initiation of 2014 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPAs) (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, Public Hearing on vacation of a portion of 167th Avenue SE, Target Rezone Limited Public Hearing  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**7/23 Planning Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Open Public Meetings Act, Horizon View rezone proposal, Comprehensive Plan Update – continue review of draft sections – Utilities and Capital Facilities  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**7/24 Human Services Commission** (6:15, 1E-112)  
Public Hearing on 2015-16 Preliminary Human Services Funding Recommendations and Finalize 2015-16 Human Services Funding Recommendations  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**7/28 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) 4-hour Budget Workshop  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)  
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